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SUBJECT: TV AIRLIFT REQUEST TO ZANZIBAR
RAF MILDENHALL FOR DOX COL HILLENBRAND
1. US -3RD AIR FORCE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PYE LTD. FOR
ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING TV BROADCAST EQUIPMENT FROM ENGLAND
TO ZANZIBAR FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. EQUIP-
MENT HAS BEEN PURCHASED FROM PYE BY THE TANZANIAN GOVERN-
MENT. IT WAS TO HAVE BEEN SEALIFTED EARLIER, BUT BOILER
ON SHIP EXPLODED, AND PYE IS NO LONGER CONFIDENT IT CAN
GET EQUIPMENT THERE AND INSTALLED IN TIME FOR CEREMONIES.
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NO AIRLIFT OTHER THAN USAF C-5A APPEARS SUITABLE BECAUSE OF

OUTSIZE DIMENSIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT. COST, WHICH PYE IS ALLEGEDLY WILLING TO CONSIDER, IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE ABOUT \$140,000. ALTHOUGH NO PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE, THE USAF COULD THEORETICALLY BE HELPFUL IF IT WERE IN THE OVERALL INTERESTS OF OUR USG POSITION.

2. REQUEST DAR ES SALAAM'S APPRAISAL OF OUR INTEREST IN HELPING OUT, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY REQUEST FROM GOT FOR ASSISTANCE. (IN PRINCIPLE, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP, AND DO NOT WISH TO INSPIRE A REQUEST BY APPROACHING THEM.) REQUEST DAR'S AND NAIROBI'S APPRAISAL OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF APPROVAL OF A USAF C-5A ARRIVING IN DAR OR NAIROBI WITH APPROXIMATELY 13 LONG TONS OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THREE VEHICLES, ONE OF WHICH IS OUTSIZED. DO FUEL RESTRICTIONS POSE ANY PROBLEMS?

3. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS ONE OF SKEPTICISM; WE DO NOT WISH TO RUSH IN UNINVITED, AND ARE MINDFUL OF THE POSSIBLE QUITE NEGATIVE REACTION OUR INVOLVEMENT COULD PROVOKE IN TANZANIA. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THERE WERE TO BE SOME GENUINE ADVANTAGE IN A GESTURE OF ASSISTANCE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER HELPING OUT. ON BALANCE, THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE PITFALLS THAN POTENTIAL PLUSSES, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A RELATIVELY STRONG EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE USAF AIRLIFT, WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO PYE WITH A MUTED ,NO THANKS., PYE HAS ASKED FOR A RESPONSE BY MID-DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, DEADLINE FOR DECISION TO GO COM-MERCIAL BY SEA. REQUEST REPLIES BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE. KISSINGER

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